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SUBJ: GAO AUDIT OF COUNTRY NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM

REF: A. HAGUE 5285 B. STATE 207767

1. GAO AUDITORS GOLDSMITH AND LEONARD SPENT ALL DAY DEC 13 AND MORNING DEC 14 AT EMBASSY REVIEWING NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM. BOTH WERE GIVEN FRANK AND FULL BRIEFING ON COUNTRY TEAM EFFORTS AS WELL AS LOCAL SITUATION BY DCM, NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER AND VARIOUS OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO HAVE A ROLE IN THE PROGRAM.

2. AUDITORS WERE GIVEN ACCESS TO ALL EMBASSY WORKING FILES, WHICH ARE UNDER CUSTODY OF NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO US-DUTCH RELATIONS AND DUTCH LOCAL SITUATION WILL BE TREATED BY THEM WITH DISCRETION AND THAT DRAFT REPORT OF GAO FINDINGS WILL BE REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OR PUBLIC RELEASE BY GAO. AUDITORS INDICATED THAT PROCEDURE WILL BE ADHERED TO.

3. FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WERE REQUESTED BY AUDITORS AND COPIES PROVIDED:

A. EMBASSY NOTE NO. 44 TO MFA PROPOSING STATIONING OF
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US MP CUSTOMS PERSONNEL IN NETHERLANDS

B. EMBASSY NOT NO. 59 TO MFA PROPOSING ESTABLISHMENT
OF DEA OFFICE IN NETHERLANDS

C. EMBTEL 049 OF 6 JAN 72 TO DEPARTMENT

D. EMBTEL 3829 OF 8/29/73 TO GENEVA, INFO SECSTATE

E. EMBTEL 4548 OF 10/15/73 TO DEPARTMENT

F. EMBAIR A-88 OF 4/30/73 TO DEPARTMENT

G. EMBAIR A-129 OF 6/22/73 TO DEPARTMENT

H. EMBAIR A-222 OF 12/7/73 TO DEPARTMENT

I. DEPTTEL 108468 OF 6/18/71

J. DEPTTEL 04503 OF 1/11/72

K. CA-5661 OF 12/21/71

L. STATE'S A-9639 OF 11/21/73

M. COPY OF INTERNATL EMBASSY MEMO OF 11/20/73 ON EXTRADITION
TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WITH NETHERLANDS

N. EMBASSY NOTE OF 12/21/72 TO MFA ON QUESTION OF NARCOTICS
TRAFFIC TO US TROOPS IN GERMANY

O. INTERNAL MEMO (UNDATED, BUT DRAFTED SUMMER '73) REVIEWING
DUTCH NARCOTICS SITUATION AND POLICIES

P. NOTES AND DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR VISIT OF MALCOLM
LAWRENCE TO THE HAGUE NOV 7, 1973.

Q. OUT-OF-DATE LIST OF EMBASSY NARCOTICS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

4. AUDITORS REQUESTED COPY OF EMBASSY MEMO DATED NOV 12, 1973
REVIEWING VISIT OF MR. LAWRENCE TO THE HAGUE. NARCOTICS CONTROL
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OFFICER, WITH CONCURRENCE OF DCM, PERSUADED AUDITORS THAT
DOCUMENT NOT ENTIRELY GERMANE TO PRESENT AUDIT, AND NOTED THAT
MEMO NOT CLEARED WITH LAWRENCE OR DEPT. GOLDSMITH THEN WITHDREW
REQUEST FOR DOCUMENT, SAYING IT HAD BEEN REQUESTED ONLY IN ORDER
TO SUPPORT VIEW THAT DEPT IS ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING MISSIONS TO
PURSUE NARCOTICS CONTROL OBJECTIVES. (COPY OF THIS MEMO, PLUS
ITEMS M THROUGH Q IN PARA 3 ABOVE WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPT).

5. AUDITORS DEPARTED EMBASSY ABOUT NOON, GOLDSMITH ENROUTE TO AMSTERDAM TO INTERVIEW CONOFF CRODDY AND THENCE RETURN FRANKFURT SATURDAY, WHILE LEONARD DEPARTED DIRECTLY FOR FRANKFURT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT IS ASKED TO TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AT ANY GAO REPORT SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW WHICH MIGHT FIND ITS WAY INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, AND EDIT OUT THOSE PORTIONS WHICH COULD DAMAGE OUR EFFORTS TO ASSURE FULL GON COOPERATION IN COMBATTING ALL FORMS OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. SPECIFICALLY, WE DO NOT WANT THROUGH INJUDICIOUS PUBLICATION TO JEOPARDIZE OUR CURRENT PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A DEA FIELD OFFICE IN THE NETHERLANDS.

7. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE COPY OF GAO REPORT RE NETHERLANDS AS SUBMITTED TO DEPT.
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